



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**HOWARD ROBARD
HUGHES**

PART 5 OF 12

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SUBJECT Howard Robard Hughes

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Part 3 of 6 parts

Memorandum

To : Assistant Director *RPT/cu*
Records Management Division

Date 3/4/81

From : Assistant Director
Laboratory Division

Subject : Estate of Howard Hughes

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There is enclosed the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure to the main file in the Records Services Section.

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Forgery Job Poor In 'Mormon Will'

By JERRY RALYA
SUN Staff Writer

The "Mormon will" jurors Thursday heard the object of their attention since Nov. 7 described by an FBI handwriting expert as a "very, very poor forgery — very poorly done."

Then they heard the good news: Spring vacation!

District Court Judge Keith Hayes recessed the probate trial for nearly two weeks, until March 29, the Wednesday after Easter.

The attorneys contesting the "Mormon will," who began presentation of their case Wednesday with the introduction of documents and the reading of depositions, will present their first witnesses when the trial resumes.

Scheduled as the initial contestants' witness is Nadine Henley, former secretary for Howard Hughes and now a director of Summa Corp., who testified briefly Jan. 25.

She was subpoenaed by Los Angeles lawyer Harold Rhoden, proponent of the "Mormon will" and substitute executor under it, as part of his case. He rested his case Wednesday after 34 witnesses testified and parts or all of 16 depositions were read.

So far 2,593 pages of transcript of the trial have been typed, on a daily basis. The court clerk has numbered 401 exhibits and there are 453 exemplars or samples of Hughes' writing.

"We're going to take some time off," Judge Hayes said in announcing the recess. He said he needs time to get caught up with other cases he is handling and it is "an appropriate point" for a break so the lawyers can "get things in order."

The only testimony Thursday was by deposition, with the words of FBI questioned documents examiner James E. Lile read to the jury by Los Angeles lawyer Paul Freese and Houston lawyer Clayton Lillienstern, both contestants.

Freese represents three second cousins of Hughes and Lillienstern, along with fellow Houston lawyer James Dilworth, is counsel for Annette Gano Lummis, 87, Hughes' aunt and closest living relative.

Lile, who has been with the federal agency 16 years, said the three-page handwritten "Mormon will" was "drawn — not written."

"These questioned writings," he said in his

deposition, "were not in the normal writing of the person who wrote them."

He examined the original purported will and the envelope containing it at the request of the Nevada attorney general's office, and then compared the writing with a collection of Hughes' exemplars as well as samples of writing by several persons suspected of forging the "Mormon will."

He said he could not determine if any of the possible forgers did the writing.

"What was your conclusion?" he was asked.

"That the questioned will and the inner envelope — the writings on them — were not prepared by Howard R. Hughes, but that they constitute a very poor attempt to simulate the writings of Howard R. Hughes — but we could not determine the person who wrote the writings."

Lile said he found one erasure on the will, on the seventh line of the first page. The first "as" of "Las Vegas" had been erased and written over, he said he discovered on examining the paper with oblique lighting.

He said he was unable in his examination to determine the age of the document.

He said he paid particular attention to exemplars of Hughes' writing dated around the same time as the "Mormon will," which was purportedly written in Las Vegas on March 19, 1968.

Asked if Hughes' writing "changed over his lifetime, Lile said he did notice changes beginning in about 1970 in "particular characteristics and letter forms."

He said he could not say if any of the changes could be due to Hughes being ill or getting old. "That's beyond my expertise," he said.

"There are a large number of things that can affect mental and muscular coordination, and they will vary widely depending on the individual," he went on.

"However," Lile said, "some handwriting characteristics will remain — regardless of the influences upon the writer."

The FBI expert said his study of the "Mormon will" showed "all the classic characteristics of copied or simulated writings, all the evidence of forgery, are present here."

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The Director

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Legal Counsel

ESTATE OF HOWARD HUGHES

At the Executives Conference this morning you requested me to handle a telephone call received for you from Charles Morgan at 11:25 a.m. I spoke with Mr. Morgan and he told me that he is associated with Jerris Leonard and other attorneys who are representing various interests claiming title to shares in the estate of Howard Hughes. He said that Jerris Leonard had organized a large group of lawyers and the respective shares of the claimants being represented by this group of lawyers have been identified and agreed upon. Morgan said that a 9.5 per cent interest in the estate is claimed by Avis Hughes McIntyre and Rush Hughes who are his clients. Morgan explained that Rupert Hughes, an uncle of Howard Hughes, had married a woman who had two children by a previous marriage. Although no formal adoption procedures were instituted, the two children assumed the family name "Hughes" from their infancy and under Texas equity law the claimants Avis Hughes McIntyre and Rush Hughes will be able to establish that they are in the position of adopted children and, therefore, heirs to the estate through the relationship of Rupert Hughes.

Morgan's request that the Identification and Laboratory examiners from the FBI be permitted to testify is based on his need to establish the invalidity of an alleged will that has been submitted for probate and which is identified by reference to Melvin Dumar.

There are two probate cases concerning this alleged will. The first case is pending at Las Vegas, Nevada, and the second case is pending in Houston. The FBI examiners appeared for depositions in Los Angeles, California, in connection with the case pending in Las Vegas. At that deposition, many of the interests were represented; however, the 9.5 per cent interest represented by his clients' claims was not represented by counsel at the depositions and counsel for them have not

(last) *time to* *see K. L. L.*

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1 - Mr. Kelleher
1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Legal Research Unit
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I asked Mr. Morgan whether he intended to request our examiners to give a deposition for purposes of the Houston case. He said he had no such intention. His only request is that the examiners be available for testimony at trial.

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Memo Legal Counsel to the Director
Re: Estate of Howard Hughes

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Re: Estate of Howard Hughes

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ADDENDUM: LABORATORY DIVISION JEL/kaf 12/5/77

It is agreed that the Bureau should be consistent in its degree of cooperation to requests received from parties involved in the private civil litigation in this matter.

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ADDENDUM OF IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

R. H. Ash:ed

12-5-77

The estate of Howard Hughes involves billions of dollars. There are millions of dollars involved in Federal and state taxes. Howard Hughes was and is a notorious personality. His estate has been clouded by the mysterious discovery of a will which is purported to be spurious. The enormity of this case and the considerable public interest make it unique.

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2-Mr. Mints

1-Mr. Hotis

1-Mr. Ash

1-Mr. Kelleher

1-Legal Research Unit

November 10, 1977

Paul L. Freese, Esq.
Kindel and Anderson
555 South Flower Street
Los Angeles, California 90071

Re: Estate of Howard R. Hughes, Jr.

Dear Mr. Freese:

This is to acknowledge your letter of October 25, 1977, in which you requested the presence of Mr. Quintus Ferguson and Special Agent (SA) James E. Lile, as witnesses in a civil action involving the above-captioned matter.

In this regard, please be advised that this Bureau has received a subpoena from the Attorney for Defendant-Proponents seeking the same testimony you have requested. I have decided not to approve the appearances of SA Lile and Mr. Ferguson at the aforementioned proceedings inasmuch as they have already testified extensively at depositions at which all interested parties were afforded an opportunity to cross-examine SA Lile and Mr. Ferguson. Furthermore, their extensive testimony at the deposition hearings was given with the specific understanding that no further personal appearances at subsequent proceedings would be called for.

I have forwarded the Defendant-Proponent's subpoena for testimony to the Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., for his final decision pursuant to the requirements of Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 15.24 (b), as amended by Department of Justice Order No. 693-77, effective March 30, 1977, delegating the authority in such matters from the Attorney General to the Deputy Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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SEE NOTE PAGE 2

Paul R. Freese, Esq.

NOTE: By letter dated 10-25-77, Attorney for contestants requested the appearances of SA Lile and Mr. Ferguson at civil trial. Lile and Ferguson had previously been extensively deposed pursuant to understanding that no further testimony would be required of them. Similar request by subpoena has been forwarded to the Deputy Attorney General with Director's recommendation not to approve further appearance of FBI personnel.

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ELI BLUMENFELD LAW CORPORATION
1900 AVENUE OF THE STARS, SUITE 2440
CENTURY CITY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90067
TELEPHONE 553-6688

September 9, 1977

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Assistant Director of Identification Laboratories
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D.C. 20535

Attention: Special Agent James E. Lile

Re: Estate of Howard Robard Hughes, Jr.

Dear Mr. Lile:

This confirms our telephonic agreement that you will be available to testify in the matter of the Estate of Howard Robard Hughes, Jr., deceased, during the period from November 20 to December 10, 1977. The trial in the above case has been scheduled to commence on October 3, 1977 at the Clark County Courthouse, at 200 East Carson Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

no agreement made.

At the time of your testimony, you have agreed to bring with you any and all reports, information and other documents used by you in any way in conducting your investigation and reaching your conclusions, as well as any reports on the results of such investigation with respect to the purported "Mormon Will."

It has been agreed that you will appear at the trial and bring the above material with you without the necessity of a subpoena issued in connection therewith.

no agreement made.

Please sign a copy of this letter indicating your agreement to appear, as set forth above, and return such copy in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope to the undersigned. As agreed, we will reimburse your office for any and all costs incurred in connection with your appearance in Las Vegas for this trial.

not sent forward to legal counsel

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and

James E. Lile
September 9, 1977.
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please don't hesitate to call or write to the undersigned
if you have any questions with respect thereto.

Sincerely,

ELI BLUMENFELD

EB:ng
cc: Harold Rhoden

THE UNDERSIGNED agrees to appear to testify at the Clark
County Courthouse in Las Vegas, Nevada, in accordance
with the provisions set forth above.

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JAMES E. LILE

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memo 8/29/77.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: *Purported Will of Howard R. Hughes;
Melvin Dummar - Suspect;
Alleged Forgery*

File # *95-211845*
Lab. # *D-761214091 MS,
etc.*

Examination requested by:

Examination requested: *Document*

Date received:

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *LILE*

*Report to: Honorable Robert List, Esq.
Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710*

*attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator*

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4-14-77*

This report supplements Lab. report to your office ^{in this matter} dated March 11, 1977, and confirms info. supplied telephonically to Chief Dave Greenhalgh on Apr. 14, 1977.

During the treatment of the Q8 envelope, a description of which can be found in the ref. Lab. rpt., the flap of the ^{envelope} was removed & examined. It was observed that add'l adhesive, diff. from the original ^{water proof} adhesive on the envelope, ^{flap of the} was added to the flap prior to sealing. The presence of this ^{adhesive}, as well as the ^{add'l} features ^{which were} observed in the ~~envelope~~ envelope and which were ^{reported} ~~found~~ in the above-referenced Lab. report, are consistent with envelopes which have been steam opened and resealed.

you will be advised sep. of results re: LFB exams & dispo. of sub. spec.

2-FBI, Las Vegas (46-603)

Results: This rpt confirms & supps info supp. file to
C I Greenhalgh on 3-7-77.

The sub p-copies, Qc1 → Qc7 & Kc1 → Kc3
do not repro writings on orig does w/ suff
clarity of detail for adequate haw copies.

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Kc4 & person Kc8, [redacted] in of Kc2, or [redacted] b7c
[redacted], in of Kc3, person Kc8 + Kc12.

Det that the wts on the Qc8 enw & Qc9 → Qc11
3-page will not prep by HOWARD R. HUGHES, in of
Kc5 → Kc7, Kc9, Kc10 + Kc11. Further det that ^{in of} Qc8 → Qc11
represent an unskillful attempt to copy or simulate gen
writings of ARH. ~~unlike~~ Although not possible
to det which, if any, of the sub gen writings resembles
the model writings for the prep of Qc8 → Qc11. ~~falling~~

~~Due to method of prep of in of Qc8 → Qc11, these~~
~~writings do not contain a suff. quantity of the~~
~~normal form characteristics of the writer/writers~~
~~who prepared them to permit a determination which~~
~~these writings were, or were not prep by Melvin E. Dumar, [redacted]~~

Due to method of prep of in of Qc8 → Qc11, these
writings do not contain a suff. quantity of the
normal form characteristics of the writer/writers
who prepared them to permit a determination which
these writings were, or were not prep by Melvin E. Dumar, [redacted]
[redacted] or [redacted] b7c

Examination of the Q8 envelope ^{were limited to} non-destructive methods ^{which} failed to reveal any conclusive evidence that the envelope had or had not been steamed open and subsequently re-sealed. However, excessive wrinkling was noted in the paper as well as slight bleeding of the ball-point ink writings. These characteristics are ~~characteristic~~ occasionally found when a document has been subjected to steaming and subsequently ^{manually} pressed in an attempt to re-seal an adhesive seam. Additionally, the discoloration and brittle and fragmented edges of the envelope ~~could be explained by~~ ^{could be explained by} the envelope ~~being~~ ^{having} dried under high temperature, causing and protecting the major portion of the envelope, but leaving the edges exposed.

* Examination of the Q9 - Q11 sheets of paper were limited to non-destructive methods. It was determined that the streaking of the ball-point ink writings on these sheets are the result of applying a solvent along the right edge, resulting in right-to-left smearing of the ink. Additionally, the location of these smears indicate that the solvent application occurred either while the three sheets were folded together or that the three sheets were folded while still wet, resulting in transferred writing and streaks at the folds.

* The postage meter stamp ^{impression} on the reverse side of the Q8 envelope lacks sufficient clarity of line detail to permit a determination of the date or meter number by microscopic and special photographic examinations, nor could it be determined whether that impression was actually made by

a mechanical postage meter stamp. However, the configuration, relative spacing of portions of the stamp, and general design conform to ~~those~~ those used on postage meters mfd by Pitney-Bowes, Inc., of Stamford, Conn. It was noted that the impression does not fluoresce under UV radiation.

The non-destructive examinations of the Q1 envelope, the Q2 note, the Q3 envelope, and the Q9 → Q11 sheets of paper failed to reveal any indented writing, watermarks, or other significant features which might be of assistance in determining either the source or the age of those documents.

You will be advised separately of the results of the examinations of the ink ^{and staining} on Q8 → Q11 as well as the results of the examinations of these items for latent fingerprints. ~~Q8 → Q11~~ and the ~~Q8~~ FBI's rec'd at that time.

Q1, Q2, K4, K8 + K12
All of the submitted specimens were photographed and these photos are retained. Qc1 → Qc7 and Kc1 → Kc3 p.c. are returned herewith. K9 was personally returned to Mr. Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt on 1/21/77. K10 was returned to the FBI, Las Vegas, on 2/24/77. K5, K6, K7 + K11 were personally returned to Investigator [redacted] of your office on 3/1/77.

A high-contrast enlarged B+W photo of the postage meter mark on the Q8 envelope is ~~is also~~ enclosed for your possible assistance. It is possible that a process referred to as "Image Enhancement" might be of value in determining the date and meter # on Q8. This Lab is not equipped to perform such items at the present time. However, the following ~~are~~ are currently engaged in that field of technology. This listing should not be construed as an endorsement of [redacted]

This Bureau, nor should the absence of other ~~for~~ ^{names} ~~names~~ ^{names} be considered
as a lack of endorsement.

Photo Science Dept.
Optical Systems Div.

ITEK Corp

10 Maguire Rd.

Lex., Mass 02173

→ The Perkin-Elmer Corp
Danbury, Conn.

Image Analysis Group
Los Alamos Scientific Lab
Los Alamos, N. Mex.

Dr. LaMar K. Timothy
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Univ. of Utah,
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

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April 13, 1977

[REDACTED]
b7C ✓ Lile
Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of March 23rd, the FBI in cooperation with the State of Nevada and at the request of the Attorney General of that State examined a will alleged to be that of Mr. Howard Hughes. Our findings were furnished to the Nevada Attorney General's Office and will not be made public by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

JG Las Vegas - Enclosure
Mr. Cochran - Enclosure

NOTE: [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles. This communication was coordinated with the Administrative Unit of the Scientific and Technical Services Division. b7C

MN:msh/(5)
pm

Mar. 23, 1977

Dear Sir,

... as well as many
others, are wondering why
your department has not
released its reports on the
Hugo will. I know Henry
Silver, the famous Document
Experts and he says its
genuine, as he has studied
Hugo handwriting for years!

He and other Experts cannot
understand why your people are
taking so long. You must
know its genuine! We think
your department should release
your report - despite the
many ramifications involved -
without delay. You have had
it here paper - plus the
press reports and comment on
the world - for weeks and

CORRESPONDENCE

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up to no report! Please make
the reports public now - it
makes the Document Editor look
extremely poor. People are annoyed
at your silence. Thank you.

Lincoln



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LILE
b7C
LAB FILE
12/14/76

Hon.
Robert List, Esq.,

To: ~~Office of the~~ Attorney General,
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-761214091 ~~MSFF~~

YOUR NO. 205-357

Examination by:

MS
3/4/77

Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Letter 12/8/76

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens received:

12/14/76

D-761222051 MS
D-761230025 MS
D-770107041 MS
D-770111040 MS
D-770117001 MS
D-770117099 MS
D-770118050 MS
D-770121045 MS
D-770224029 MS

(See attached
sheet)

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Encl (Q1, Q2
Qc1 → c7, Kc1-K4, KE + K12)

2-FBI, Las Vegas (46-603)

- Qc1 Photocopy of Q1, previously submitted
- Qc2 Photocopy of Q2, previously submitted
- Qc3 Photocopy of handwritten note beginning "Dear Mr Mc Kay..."
- Qc4 Photocopies of a three page handwritten document beginning "Last will and testament..." and signed "Howard R. Hughes" on each page
ies the first page of
- Qc5 Photocopy of handwritten note beginning "50-3..."
- Qc6 Photocopy of page two of typewritten letter bearing signature "Howard R. Hughes"
- Qc7 Photocopy of Proxy certificate dated 11/14/1970 bearing signature "Howard R. Hughes"
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- Kc1 Photocopies of application for employment, authorization note, and voluntary statement all bearing writing of MELVIN DUMMAR
dated 11/27/67,
- Kc2 Photocopy of Application to Rent bearing writing of [REDACTED] b7C
dated 1/15/76
Form and Rental Agreement
- Kc3 Photocopy of two page letter bearing writing of [REDACTED] b7C



STATE OF NEVADA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

CAPITOL COMPLEX
SUPREME COURT BUILDING
CARSON CITY 89710

ROBERT LIST
ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 8, 1976

Re: Purported Will of
Howard R. Hughes;
Melvin Dummar - Sup.
Alleged Forgery
761214091

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Attention: F.B.I. Laboratory
Handwriting Analysis Division

re: Our file No. 205-357

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed copies of items as follows:

- Q A. Envelope addressed to President Spencer Kimball, and note.
- Q B-1. Note to McKay from Howard Hughes.
- Q B-2. Last will and testament, signed "Howard Hughes".
- Q C. Note to cocktail waitress, purportedly written by Howard Hughes.
- Q D. Howard Hughes' signature at end of "Chester Davis letter".
- Q E. Howard Hughes' signature on Sands, Inc., proxy certificate.
- Kc2 F. Melvin Dummar application for employment.
- Kc2 G. "House keys" note of Melvin Dummar.
- Kc3 H. Application to Rent agreement of [REDACTED] b7C
- Kc2 I. Voluntary statement dated January 15, 1976, of Melvin Dummar.
- Kc4 J. Handwritten letter to Del Webb Corporation by [REDACTED] b7C

23 DEC 1976

ASAC Kent Harrell LV, telecalled
12/15/76 by BP6. Nev. AG's office has
as crim matter (forgery & perjury). W per law enf. memo of Dec 8.

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FBI 12/2/76.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

LATENTS

To: Office of the Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

Re:

Purported Will of HOWARD R. HUGHES;
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-761222051 MS

YOUR NO. ~~PT~~ MS

Examination by: LILE

(See D-761214091)

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference:

~~Letter 12/21/76~~ Personally delivered on 12/21/76 by Chief
Investigator Bruce Greenhalgh

Examination requested:

Document - Chemical Analyses - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

12/21/76

Resubmission of Q1 and Q2

- Q8 White envelope bearing handwriting beginning
"Dear Mr. McKay..."
- Q9 Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting
beginning "Last Will..." and signed "Howard R. Hughes"
(Original of Q4)
- Q10 Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting
beginning "third:one..." and signed "Howard R. Hughes"
(Original of Q4)
- Q11 Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting
beginning "ninth:one..." and signed "Howard R. Hughes"
(Original of Q4)
- K4 Six-page "Voluntary Statement" bearing the known
handwriting of MELVIN E. DUMMAR (Original of portion
of K4) dated 1/15/76

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12/30/76
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Office of the Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-761230025 MS

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;
MELVIN DUNBAR, ~~was~~ SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

YOUR NO.

Examination by: LILE

(See D-761214091)

Examination requested by: Addressee

KS returned to Invt [redacted]
[redacted], 3-1-77. jf b7C

Reference: Letter received 12/29/76

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 12/29/76

Specimens personally delivered by Mr. Chief Investigator Bruce Greenhalgh on 12/29/76

At KS: Nine sheets of ruled yellow paper, each bearing the known writings of HOWARD R. HUGHES, further described as follows:

First page dated "3/16/68", beginning "Bob - You ask my..."

Second page beginning "Then, this might lead..."

Third page beginning "the treasury of a..."

Fourth page beginning "Bob, I have ~~sent~~..." and dated "Stardust 3/17/68..." *no period*

Fifth page beginning "Price: 31,200,000..."

Sixth page beginning "Bob, several things..."

and bearing the notation "received in office 3/25/68"

Seventh page dated "4/9/68" beginning "Bob- I have information..."

Eighth page dated "4/23/68," beginning "Bob-I dont think..."

Ninth page beginning "establish that we..."

Receipt given 12/29/76 jf

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Vericolor type L 8x10 film
f. 45 3 seconds
Approx. 75% natural size

Postal stamp
I.R. lum
I.R. lum + black background
U.V. + #35 filter + Contrast process pan
CPP 1-1
CPP 250% + #64 filter

Color prints
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Office of the Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-770107041 PFMJ

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES; YOUR NO.
MELVIN DUMMAR, SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by:  b7C

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 1/3/77

Examination requested: Document


Specimens received: 1/6/77

K6

The State of Nevada: County of Clark document beginning
"KNOW ALL MEN..." bearing the signature of HOWARD R.
HUGHES

dated 3/24/67,

K6 Returned to Invest 

 3-1-77. JF

(See D-761214091)



STATE OF NEVADA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

CAPITOL COMPLEX
2 SUPREME COURT BUILDING
3 CARSON CITY 89710

ROBERT LIST
ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 3, 1977

Purported Will of Howard F. Hughes;
Melvin Dummer, Supt.;
Alleged forgery
770107041

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20537

Attention: F. B. I. Laboratory
Special Attention: Mr. James Lile, Questioned Documents
Section

Dear Jim:

Please find enclosed one (1) document beginning:
"THE STATE OF NEVADA: COUNTY OF CLARK: KNOW ALL MEN
BY THESE PRESENTS: ...", which is dated March 24th, 1967,
and signed by Howard R. Hughes.

This is reported to be an original document, and I will
follow with several more as soon as possible, for your
handwriting comparisons.

Again I offer you my thanks for your great assistance
in this matter.

Sincerely,

ROBERT LIST
Attorney General

By *Bruce*
4 Bruce Greenhalgh
5 Chief Investigator

BG:lt
Enc.

ENCLOSURE

5 JAN 6 1977

KG The State of Nevada: County of Clark
document beginning "KNOW ALL MEN..."
bearing the signature of HOWARD R. HUGHES

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Office of the Attorney General
Capitol Complex
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-770111040 MS

Re:

YOUR NO. 205-357

PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by: LILE

K7 Returned to Invest.

Examination requested by: Addressee

3-1-77. yf

Reference: Letter 1/4/77

Examination requested: Document

(See D 761214091)

Specimens received: 1/10/77

K7 Three-page typewritten agreement, ^{dated 5/31/68} the third page bearing
the signature of HOWARD R. HUGHES

STATE OF NEVADA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
CAPITOL COMPLEX
SUPREME COURT BUILDING
CARSON CITY 89710

ROBERT LIST
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Nevada
January 11, 1977

Unknown Subject
Handwriting Examination
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770117001

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20537

Attention: F.B.I. Laboratory
Special Attention: Mr. James Lile, Questioned Documents Section

re: Our file No. 205-357

Dear Jim:

Please find enclosed one document beginning: "Bill, enclosed is a M.O. for \$50.00 for the bill I owe...", dated January 20, 1975 and signed, "Melvin E. Dummar".

Also find enclosed a copy of a portion of a transcript taken from Melvin Dummar's deposition, in which he indicates that this note was handwritten by [REDACTED] and signed by himself.

Please use this note to assist you with a handwriting comparison of the documents already submitted to you and the handwriting of [REDACTED] b7C

Again, my thanks for your assistance in this investigation.

Sincerely,

1 ROBERT LIST, Esq.
2 Attorney General

K8 Piece of paper bearing
signature of MELVIN E.
DUMMAR and bearing
BG:lt writing of [REDACTED]
Enc. [REDACTED]

By *Bruce Greenhalgh*
Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

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LAB FILE
LATENTS

To: Office of the Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89701

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-770117099 ~~PA~~

✓ Re: Purported Will of Howard R. Hughes;
Melvin Dummar - Suspect;
Alleged Forgery

YOUR NO. #205-357

Examination by:

~~██████████~~ b7C
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Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Letter 1/13/77

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

1/17/77

(See D-761214091)

K9

One-page typewritten proxy and two pages of questions and answers bearing writing of HOWARD R. HUGHES; the two pages of questions and answers also bearing inked fingerprint impressions

date 11/14/70 (Original of Qc7)

K9 to LFP 4/14/77
orig K9 to U stamp 4/14/77

b7C

Received from [REDACTED] FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C.
the following documents:

(1) Signed proxy from Howard R. Hughes
for the Sands, Inc., dated 11/14/70.

(2) Two pages consisting of twelve typewritten
questions and handwritten answers signed on each page by
Howard R. Hughes. Each page bears inked fingerprint impressions.

Typed Sherrylett
Jan. 21, 77

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MESSRS. DAVIS AND COX
NOT ADMITTED IN CALIF.

January 10, 1977

Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator
Office of the Attorney General
Capitol Complex
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Mr. Greenhalgh:

Pursuant to my telephone conversation this afternoon with Attorney General List, there are transmitted herewith the following original documents:

1) One-page "proxy" containing the original signature of Howard R. Hughes, dated November 14, 1970, witnessed by Levar B. Myler and notarized by Howard L. Eckersley. (This document is stamped and was utilized as defendant's Exhibit Q in the December 1970 court proceedings before Judge Howard Babcock.)

2) Two-page document consisting of 12 type-written questions and handwritten answers thereto together with signatures and fingerprints of Howard R. Hughes. This document was prepared by Mr. Hughes during the middle part of January 1972. It was personally witnessed by Mr. Myler.

It is our understanding that both of the enclosed documents are needed by your office in connection with official matters and that they will also be the subject of superficial inspection by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory for purposes of handwriting and possibly fingerprint analysis. It is our further understanding that neither document will be subjected to any test which may affect or impair the document or its content in any way, and that both documents will be returned to us as soon as the State's requirements are satisfied.

Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
January 10, 1977
Page Two

Moreover, the second document, which is currently an exhibit in pending federal court proceedings in Salt Lake City, must be back in our possession in advance of the resumption of court proceedings which are now scheduled for the morning of Monday, January 24. I would appreciate your telephoning me at the above office this week or at my New York office thereafter so that we may arrange appropriate logistics for a timely return, at least as to the second document.

At the request of Mr. List, I am also attempting to obtain the release of the original 3-page "Dear Chester and Bill" letter which was originally used as an exhibit in the proceedings before Judge Babcock and which is currently an exhibit held by the U.S. District Court at Los Angeles in connection with litigation between Summa Corporation and Robert A. Maheu. Apparently, counsel for Mr. Maheu is unwilling to agree to the release of that document except pursuant to terms and formalities which will inevitably delay its release. As I have informed Mr. List, our handwriting expert, Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt, who was formerly with the FBI Laboratory until his retirement in 1975, has personally photographed the original document, and if it would be of any assistance, I would be happy to arrange for Mr. Shaneyfelt to provide a photographic copy for interim use.

I would appreciate your signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter to acknowledge both your receipt of the enclosed items and your confirmation of the conditions and restrictions contained therein.

Sincerely

 b7C

HMJ:mks
Encs
cc: Hon. Robert List

REGISTERED MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAP FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Las Vegas (46-603)

Re: MELVIN DUNBAR, aka;
UNSUBS, aka;
ESTATE OF HOWARD R. HUGHES,
ESTATE DECEASED;
FAG-CONSPIRACY

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845
LAB. NO. D-770118050
YOUR NO.

ms

OO: Las Vegas

Examination by: ~~_____~~ b7C
LICE

UNSUBS;
CARSON CITY, NEVADA;
FRANK

see other mile

K10 returned to LV, 2/24/77.
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Examination requested by: Las Vegas
Reference: Airtel 1/13/77
Examination requested: Document
Specimens received: 1/17/77

(See D-761214091)

K10 Sixty-four sheets of paper bearing writings of HOWARD R. HUGHES

1/13/77

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FILE NUMBER 95-211845)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (46-603) (P)

SUBJECT: MELVIN DUMMAR, aka;
UNSUBS, aka;
ESTATE OF HOWARD R. HUGHES,
ESTATE DECEASED;
FAG-CONSPIRACY
OO: LAS VEGAS

770118050

UNSUBS;
CARSON CITY, NEVADA
FRAUD

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory are ⁶⁴~~63~~ yellow legal pages of handwriting of the late HOWARD R. HUGHES.

⁶⁴~~63~~ The USA, Las Vegas, provided the enclosed pages of handwriting of HOWARD R. HUGHES and advised that perhaps they should be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory in view of the fact that some examination is being made of the so called "Mormon Will" by the Laboratory. The USA stated that the enclosed handwriting has been authenticated by HOWARD HUGHES during his life time when a trial was held regarding the Air West Stock Case.

It is unknown to the Las Vegas Office the specific investigation being conducted by the Laboratory for the Attorney General in Carson City and this material is being forwarded for whatever information the Laboratory can make of the handwriting.

At the conclusion of examination, the handwriting exemplars should be returned to the Las Vegas Office.

② - Bureau (Enc. 63)

1 - Las Vegas

JRK:arw

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Sixty-four sheets of paper bearing writing of Howard R. Hughes

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1/21/77
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Office of the Attorney General
Carson City, Nevada

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-770121045 ~~DE~~ MS

YOUR NO. (See D-76121409)

Re: MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;
PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R.
HUGHES - VICTIM;
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by: [REDACTED]

K11 Returned to Invest. [REDACTED]
3-1-77. JEF

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Chief Investigator

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Evidence personally delivered by Bruce Greenhalgh


Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: Specimens personally delivered on 1/20/77 by *Chief Investigator*
Bruce Greenhalgh:

K11 Three page handwritten letter on yellow legal
sized paper, beginning on first page "Dear Chester
and Bill -....," and ending on third page
"Howard R. Hughes"

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Received from Mr. Bruce
Greenhalgh a three page
handwritten letter on yellow
legal paper, beginning on first
page "Dear Clinton and Bill..."
and signed on third page
"Howard R. Hughes"

 b7C
FBI Laboratory
Washington, DC.

Agency submitting evidence <i>Office of the Attorney General Carson City, Nevada</i>		Date <i>1/30/77</i>
Delivered by <i>Bruce Greenhalgh</i>	Accepted by <i>[Redacted]</i> <i>b7C</i>	Laboratory #
Suspect <i>MELVIN DUBINAR</i>	Victim <i>PUERPERED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES</i>	
Offense <i>ALLEGED FORGERY</i>	Place and date of offense	

Brief Facts covering case

770121045

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Copies to		Evidence to be returned to <i>alone</i>
Date of hearing, grand jury, trial, or reason why expeditious handling is necessary		

Evidence

K11 Three page handwritten letter on yellow legal sized paper, beginning on first page "Dear Chester and Bill - ...," and ending on third page "Howard R. Hughes"

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Agency submitting evidence <i>Attorney General, Supreme Court Building Carson City, Nevada 89710</i>		Date <i>3-1-77</i>
Delivered by <i>Investigator [redacted] b7C</i>		Accepted by <i>SA JAMES E. LILE - Lab.</i>
Suspect <i>Re: Purported will of HOWARD R. HUGHES;</i>	Victim	
Offense <i>MELVIN DUMMAR. SUSPECT; Alleged Forgery</i>	Place and date of offense	

Brief facts covering case

Elimination prints for comparisons with Q8 through Q11.

Prev. exams this case <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Evid. located Room # _____	Report to be directed to <i>(See above)</i>
Copies to <i>FBI, Las Vegas</i>		Evidence to be returned to <i>addressee</i>
Date of hearing, grand jury, trial, or reason why expeditious handling is necessary —		

Evidence

Elimination prints of 9 persons

*Personally delivered by Investigator [redacted] b7C on
3/1/77*

*also submitted: Fingerprint cards of nine
persons (for elimination
purpose)*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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2/22/77

To: Robert List, Esq.
Attorney General

300 South Fourth Street, Suite 811
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

FBI FILE NO.

95-211845

Attention:

Investigator

b7C LAB. NO.

D-770224029 MS

Re:

YOUR NO.

PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by:

(See D-761214091)

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 2/17/77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received:

K12

Sheet of yellow ruled paper bearing the known
handwriting of [REDACTED] b7C

Photo'd
2/24/77

STATE OF NEVADA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
300 SOUTH FOURTH STREET, SUITE 1100
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89101
(702) 486-1100

ROBERT LIST
ATTORNEY GENERAL

LYLE RIVERA
CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 17, 1977

*Supposed Will of Howard R. Hughes;
Melvin Sumner - Suspect;
alleged Forgery*

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20537

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Special Attention: James Lyle
Questioned Documents Section

Dear Mr. Lyle:

Please find enclosed exemplars written by [REDACTED] b7C

Please use these to assist you in making your handwriting
comparison for the Hughes Will

ROBERT LIST
Attorney General
BRUCE GREENHALGH
Chief Investigator

By [REDACTED]

Investigator

b7C

WRH/gv
Enclosures

K12 Sheet of yellow ruled paper bearing
the known handwriting of
[REDACTED] b7C

RECORDED
2/24/77
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FILE
2/22/77

To: Robert List, Esq.
Attorney General
300 South Fourth Street, Suite 811
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

FBI FILE NO.

95-211645

Attention: Mr. [REDACTED] b7C
Re: Investigator

LAB. NO.

D-770224029 MS

YOUR NO.

PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 2/17/77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received:

K12

Sheet of yellow ruled paper bearing the known
handwriting of [REDACTED] b7C

Returned
3/11/77

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12/17/76
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE 9-17C
LAB FILE
12/14/76

Laboratory Work Sheet

To:

Office of the Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-761214091 MS

Re:

PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

YOUR NO. 205-357

Examination by:

Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Letter 12/8/76

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens received:

12/14/76

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Qc1 Photocopy of Q1

Qc2 Photocopy of Q2

Qc3 Photocopy of handwritten note beginning "Dear Mr Mc Kay..."

Qc4 Photocopies of a three page handwritten document beginning "Last will and testament..." and signed "Howard R. Hughes" on eac page

Qc5 Photocopy of handwritten note beginning "50-3..."

Qc6 Photocopy of page two of typewritten letter bearing signature "Howard R. Hughes"

Qc7 Photocopy of proxy certificate dated 11/14/1970 bearing signature "Howard R. Hughes"

Kc1 Photocopies of application for employment, authorization note, and voluntary statement all bearing writing of MELVIN DUNMAR

Kc2 Photocopy of "Application to Rent" bearing writing of [REDACTED]

Kc3 Photocopy of two page letter bearing writing of [REDACTED]

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To: Robert List, Esq.,
Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-770117001 PF

Re:

YOUR NO. File 205-357

UNKNOWN SUBJECT -

~~HANDWRITING EXAMINATION~~

*Purported Will of Howard R. Hughes;
Melvin Dummer - Suspect;
Alleged Forgery*

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 1-11-77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 1-17-77

KB

Piece of paper bearing signature of MELVIN E. DUMMAR
and bearing writing of [REDACTED] b7C

*Returned
3/14/77*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: Office of the Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

Re: Purported Will of Howard R. Hughes;
Melvin Dumar - Suspect;
Alleged Forgery

FBI FILE NO.

95-211845

LAB. NO.

D-770117099 PF

YOUR NO.

#205-357

Examination by: [REDACTED] b7C

Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Letter 1/13/77

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

1/17/77

K9

One-page typewritten proxy and two pages of questions and answers bearing writing of HOWARD R. HUGHES; the two pages of questions and answers also bearing inked fingerprint impressions

LEAD will process and return
the submitted evidence to [REDACTED] room [REDACTED] b7C

*Evidence returned
to Gudel Shoverfelt
1/24/77*

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To: SAC, Las Vegas (46-603)

Re: MELVIN DUMMAR, aka;
UNSUBS, aka;
ESTATE OF HOWARD R. HUGHES,
ESTATE DECEASED;
FAC-CONSPIRACY

OO: Las Vegas

UNSUBS;
CARSON CITY, NEVADA;
FRAUD

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YOUR NO.

Examination by:

b7C

Examination requested by:

Las Vegas

Reference:

Airtel 1/13/77

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens received:

1/17/77

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HUGHES

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To: Office of the Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

LAB. NO. D-761230025 MS

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;
MELVIN DUMMAR, ~~XXX~~ SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

YOUR NO.

Examination by: LILR

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter received 12/29/76

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 12/29/76

Specimens personally delivered by Mrx Chief Investigator Bruce
Greenhalgh on 12/29/76

K1 K5 Nine sheets of ruled yellow paper, each bearing the
known writings of HOWARD R. HUGHES, further described
as follows:

First page; dated "3/16/68", beginning "Bob - You
ask my..."

Second page; beginning "Then, & this might lead..."

Third page; beginning "the treasury of a..."

Fourth page; beginning "Bob, I have not..." and dated
"Sterdust 3/17/68"

Fifth page; beginning "Price: 31,200,000..."

Sixth page; beginning "Bob, several things..."

and bearing the notation "received in office 3/25/68"

Seventh page; dated "4/9/68"; beginning "Bob-
I have information..."

Eighth page; dated "4/23/68," beginning "Bob-I don't
think..."

Ninth page; beginning "establish that we..."

Returned to [redacted] b7C

3/1/77

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To: Office of the Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-770107041 PF

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES; YOUR NO.
MELVIN DUMMAR, SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by: [REDACTED] b7C

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 1/3/77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 1/6/77

K6

The State of Nevada: County of Clark document beginning
"KNOW ALL MEN..." bearing the signature of HOWARD R.
HUGHES

Returned to [REDACTED] b7C
3/1/77

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1/11/77
bcm

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Office of the Attorney General
Capitol Complex
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

Re: PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. HUGHES;
MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;
ALLEGED FORGERY

FBI FILE NO. 95-211843

LAB. NO. D-770111040 MS

YOUR NO. 205-357

Examination by: LILE

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 1/4/77

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: 1/10/77

X7 Three-page typewritten agreement, the third page bearing
the signature of HOWARD R. HUGHES dtd 12/20/68

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[redacted] 3/1/77
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To: Office of the Attorney General
Carson City, Nevada

FBI FILE NO. 95-211845

LAB. NO. D-770121045 PF

YOUR NO.

Re: MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT;
PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R.
HUGHES - VICTIM;
ALLEGED FORGERY

Examination by: [REDACTED] b7C
LICE

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Evidence personally delivered by Bruce Greenhalah

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received: Specimens personally delivered on 1/22/77 by
Bruce Greenhalah:

K11

Three page handwritten letter on yellow legal
sized paper, beginning on first page "Dear Chester
and Bill -....," and ending on third page
"Howard R. Hughes"

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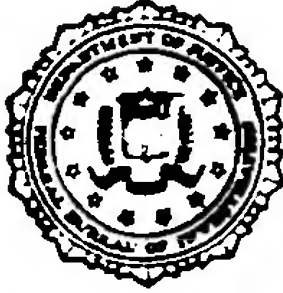
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

① - Mr. Lile

December 27, 1976

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. **95-211845**

**To: Office of the Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator
Carson City, Nevada 89710**

**RE: Purported Will of Howard
R. Hughes; Melvin Dumar -
Suspect ; Alleged Forgery**

From: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

The FBI Laboratory has received the evidence which you sent for examination in connection with the above-entitled case. A Laboratory report will be sent to you after the examination has been completed.

If any developments occur in this case such as dismissal of charges or guilty pleas which would eliminate the necessity for conducting the requested examinations, please advise the FBI Laboratory immediately.

Enclosed for your possible assistance are sixteen color photographs, representing two photographs each of both sides of the envelope and three-page handwritten will which were delivered to this Laboratory by Mr. Greenhalgh on 12/21/76.

JEL:pam (2)

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MR. MC DERMOTT

R. H. Ash

HOWARD HUGHES WILL
PRESS MATTER

On 12-13-76, [REDACTED] Associated Press Reporter (AP), Los Angeles, California, [REDACTED] contacted me and advised that today a lawyer for Howard Hughes stated in court that the FBI had identified a fingerprint of Melvin Dummar on the envelope which contained the so-called "Mormon Will" of Howard Hughes. [REDACTED] wanted confirmation indicating he was referred to me by ASAC Ken Arnold, Las Vegas, Nevada. b7C

By letter dated 10-15-76, from the Office of the Attorney General, Carson City, Nevada, we were requested to process certain items pertaining to the "Mormon Will" and to compare any latents found with known fingerprints of Melvin Dummar. By report dated 11-9-76, we advised the Attorney General's Office, Carson City, Nevada, that a latent fingerprint developed on the envelope was identical to fingerprint of Melvin E. Dummar, [REDACTED]

After ascertaining the above facts, Bruce Greenhalgh, Chief Investigator, Attorney General's Office, Carson City, Nevada, was contacted and he was advised of the AP inquiry. He was advised that the FBI would respond to this inquiry as follows:

"The FBI has examined some material at the request of the Attorney General's Office, Carson City, Nevada, and the results of the examination have been furnished to that office. As this matter is currently under consideration in that office, it would not be appropriate for the FBI to comment concerning the results of the examination or the material examined."

ASAC Ken Arnold, Las Vegas, was advised to contact [REDACTED] AP, and furnish him with the above statement.

From press accounts it appears that Melvin Dummar is a gas station attendant who was named as a beneficiary in the "Mormon Will." Dummar claims he helped Hughes on one occasion by giving him a ride.

This matter was coordinated with Assistant Director Donald W. Moore, Jr., External Affairs.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

RHA:djh

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1 - Mr. Cochran

1 - Mr. Moore

Tom
See attached
Doc. #10

Ch w/ Doc Sect
See if any submission
for AG-CC Nevada
12-14-76 if so our
response to
be same if
asked

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Director, F. B. I.
October 15, 1976
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It would be greatly appreciated if the processed documents might be preserved in such a manner as to facilitate later handwriting comparisons which might be requested by this office.

// I would appreciate as expeditious a handling as possible, due to court hearings that are very near. //

Sincerely,

Bruce Greenhalgh
Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

BG:lt
Encls.

- Q1 - Envelope bearing the handwritten address "President Spencer W. Kimball Church of Jesus Christ Salt Lake City, Utah"
- Q2 - accompanying slip of paper bearing the handwritten message beginning "This was found..."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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LATENT

To: Office of the Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Carson City 89710

Attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator

Re: MELVIN E. DUNBAR AND [REDACTED] b7C
SUSPECTS;
HANDWRITING EXAMINATION

FBI FILE NO.

95-211845

LAB. NO.

D-761019115 PP

YOUR NO.

205-357

Examination by:

[REDACTED] b7C

Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Letter 10/15/76

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

10/19/76

*Q1 & Q2 with Cert. by
LFPS w/ report dated
11/9/76 R & F*

Received by LFPS

Chile 10-29

"Evidence to be
returned by LFP"

*Jul
10-21-76*

- Q1 Envelope bearing the handwritten address "President Spencer
W Kimball Church of Jesus Christ Salt Lake City, Utah"
- Q2 Accompanying slip of paper bearing the handwritten message
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1 - Mr. Kelleher
1 - Mr. Kelly
1 - Mr. Lile

January 18, 1978

Honorable Robert List
Attorney General
State of Nevada
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have received your letter dated January 3, 1978, relating to the probate action in Nevada concerning the estate of Howard Robard Hughes, Jr.

It has been the long-standing policy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation not to accede to requests for technical examinations or testimony at trials related to civil matters. The FBI has only limited technical resources and expert manpower, all of which are dedicated to criminal law enforcement, and could not possibly meet the demands which would result from entering into civil matters. As a result, the FBI has consistently refused all such requests.

Upon receipt of your letter I caused this policy to be reevaluated and studied. As a result, taking all facts of this matter into consideration, I have decided that my previous decision was appropriate and that I will not approve the personal appearances of Special Agent James E. Lile and Mr. Quintus Ferguson, Fingerprint Specialist, at the civil action in Las Vegas, Nevada. Attorneys for the Defendant-Proponent and for the Contestant were advised in previous correspondence of the decision not to authorize the personal appearances of these experts at the civil action.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Mr. McDermott (Sent Direct)
1 - Mr. Kent (Sent Direct)

JEL/lkd (9)*

NOTE: Refer to memo to The Associate Director from Legal Counsel dated 1/12/78, captioned "ESTATE OF HOWARD HUGHES"

Mr. McDermott has advised that on 1/12/78 he received a call from Brian P. Gettings whose law firm is involved in several different probate actions concerning the "Mormon Will" on behalf of contesting parties. Gettings was previously advised that the FBI would not authorize the document examiner and fingerprint specialist to testify at any civil trials, but that authorization was granted for providing depositions. (See letter from the Director to Gettings dated 12/20/77.) Gettings advised Mr. McDermott that an ink examiner of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Laboratory, Treasury Department, had testified to the results of his ink examinations of the will at the probate trial in Las Vegas. Gettings expressed his opinion that the Federal government was not being consistent in its response to requests for expert testimony relating to the will.

For information, the ATF Laboratory has established the most comprehensive ink reference library in the country and as a result is unique in its ability, in many instances, to date the manufacture of certain inks. In their examination of the ink with which the will was written they apparently determined that the ink was of a type manufactured prior to the purported date of preparation of the will. While this does not authenticate the will, neither does it prove it fraudulent.

In regard to the FBI's position in this matter, it has been long standing policy of the Laboratory not to examine evidence or provide testimony in strictly civil matters involving private individuals and not involving the Federal government. For many years requests of this nature have been denied. In this particular case the final decision was referred to the Department of Justice by Legal Counsel (see memorandum to the Deputy Attorney General from the Director, dated 10/23/77) pursuant to the provisions of Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.24(b) (1976), as amended by Departmental Order 693-77, effective 3/30/77. By letter to the U. S. Attorney at Las Vegas dated 11/2/77, Deputy Attorney General Flaherty advised that the Department had ruled that the document examiner and the latent fingerprint examiner need not testify at the civil trial at Las Vegas. By letter dated 11/9/77, the U. S. Attorney, Las Vegas, advised the attorney for the Defendant-Proponent that his request for FBI expert testimony was being declined. Similarly, by

- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Kintz
- 1 - Mr. Kent

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ADDENDUM: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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1/16/78

The position and recommendation of the Identification Division in ^{this} this matter was previously set forth in addendum 12/5/77 to memorandum 12/1/77, Legal Counsel to the Director, captioned "Estate of Howard Hughes." ^{is} We recommend that FBI examiners be made available for depositions and/or testimony at trial in any legitimate civil proceedings in which they are needed ^{Yuan} and in which their testimony is relevant and germane.

We are not unmindful of Bureau policy not to examine evidence or provide testimony in strictly civil matters. By way of background, at the request of the Attorney General for the State of Nevada, the so-called "Mormon Will" of Howard R. Hughes, Jr., and related materials were examined by the Laboratory and Identification Divisions in connection with a state criminal investigation of Melvin Dummar for forgery and perjury. Dummar was named in the will as one of the beneficiaries. We have on previous occasions provided testimony in civil proceedings in cases where the civil action followed a criminal matter in which we had examined evidence. Thus, a decision to provide testimony in this matter would not be precedent setting. ^{copy}

The estate of Howard R. Hughes, Jr., involves billions of dollars. There are millions of dollars involved in Federal and state taxes. The Hughes estate matter has been clouded by mystery since the discovery of the so-called "Mormon Will." The enormity of this case, the staggering sums of money involved and the considerable public interest make it unique.

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- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Kelleher
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Mintz

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2-Mr. Mints

1-Mr. Hotis

1-Mr. Ash

1-Mr. Kelleher

1-Legal Research Unit

November 10, 1977

Paul L. Freese, Esq.
Kindel and Anderson
555 South Flower Street
Los Angeles, California 90071

Re: Estate of Howard R. Hughes, Jr.

Dear Mr. Freese:

This is to acknowledge your letter of October 25, 1977, in which you requested the presence of Mr. Quintus Ferguson and Special Agent (SA) James F. Lile, as witnesses in a civil action involving the above-captioned matter.

In this regard, please be advised that this Bureau has received a subpoena from the Attorney for Defendant-Proponents seeking the same testimony you have requested. I have decided not to approve the appearances of SA Lile and Mr. Ferguson at the aforementioned proceedings inasmuch as they have already testified extensively at depositions at which all interested parties were afforded an opportunity to cross-examine SA Lile and Mr. Ferguson. Furthermore, their extensive testimony at the deposition hearings was given with the specific understanding that no further personal appearances at subsequent proceedings would be called for.

I have forwarded the Defendant-Proponent's subpoena for testimony to the Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., for his final decision pursuant to the requirements of Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.24 (b), as amended by Department of Justice Order No. 693-77, effective March 30, 1977, delegating the authority in such matters from the Attorney General to the Deputy Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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SEE NOTE PAC

Paul R. Freese, Esq.

NOTE: By letter dated 10-25-77, Attorney for contestants requested the appearances of SA Lile and Mr. Ferguson at civil trial. Lile and Ferguson had previously been extensively deposed pursuant to understanding that no further testimony would be required of them. Similar request by subpoena has been forwarded to the Deputy Attorney General with Director's recommendation not to approve further appearance of FBI personnel.

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